SUBJECTS.

(3). *Marine*

42. *Construction of a pier and a warehouse at the Quilon Port.*

Mr. K. A. Krishna Pattar (Member, Quilon Trading Classes) said that the merchants of Quilon experienced much inconvenience and loss on account of the want of a pier and a warehouse at Quilon, and he requested that, as the Quilon town had increased greatly in trade in recent years, a pier and a warehouse might be constructed, as in Alleppey, to further promote trade.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

43. *Opening of a harbour at Vizhinjam.*

Mr. Kanakku Marthandan Raman (Member, Neyyattinkara Taluk) said that the prosperity of a country greatly depended on the condition of its commerce and agriculture. As the presence of natural harbours would contribute to the development of trade in the country, it would be useful to ascertain whether such harbours were available in Travancore. Taking Alleppey, the chief port in Travancore, the volume of trade through that port last year was very poor, when compared to that of Cochin. This, the Member said, was attributable to the want of facilities there and the naturally rough condition of the sea, so that vessels of large tonnage could not come near enough to the shore for landing and shipping goods conveniently. Considering the conditions that were essential for a good harbour, Vizhinjam, which had in the past been used as a port, might be said to be naturally well-fitted for a port. Some time back, the Government had issued orders to the Chief Engineer to investigate the feasibility of opening a harbour there, and the report of the Chief Engineer was placed before the Government. But nothing was done subsequently. The Member therefore prayed that, in view to afford facilities for the development of trade in the country, the Government might consider the advisability of opening a harbour at Vizhinjam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

44. *Opening of a harbour at Leepuram.*

Mr. V. Arunachalam Pandaram (Member, Nagercoil Trading Classes) stated that North Travancore enjoyed the benefits of a harbour at Alleppey, but South Travancore had no such facility for trade, although the port at Leepuram offered great natural facilities for a harbour. The Member therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to construct a harbour at Leepuram at an early date, so as to give an impetus to the trade of South Travancore.

Dewan's reply.—The Trade Committee has recommended the survey of the Leepuram Bay and the Government are taking the necessary steps in that direction.

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